



WILSON COUNTY CONNECTION

Lebanon Mt. Juliet Watertown



April 2017

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A Word From Your County Mayor Randall Hutto

This April, Wilson County is excited to host two events that not only take advantage of a beautiful spring Saturday but also support a great cause. Wilson County has partnered with RTA/MTA, The Music City Star and Famous Footwear Distribution Center to offer a train ride to Riverfront station for runners attending the St. Jude Rock'n'Roll Nashville Marathon and 1/2

taking place on April 29, 2017. Tickets are \$12 roundtrip. On the same day as the marathon, A Toast to Tennessee Wine Festival will take place at the Wilson County Expo Center. MTA/RTA, Wilson County and the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a train that will bring wine festival attendees from Nashville to the Lebanon station to attend the event. Tickets are also \$12 each. Proceeds from

both train rides benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Music City star is the perfect mode of transportation in all types of weather, but especially on a beautiful spring Saturday.. It is a great asset to our county and we are so excited to host rides to these exciting events. I encourage you to participate in one of these events and support the



children of St. Jude. Wilson County has so many things going on this month that benefit so many worthy causes. Find your passion and get involved!

WILSON COUNTY DISTRICT 3



Bobby Franklin

2015 Julie Drive
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122
290-7701





Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame Banquet

Honoring

Dr. Sam McFarland

Hale Moss

David Tomlinson

AC Wharton, Sr.

Ticket Information

Tickets are \$20

To purchase a ticket
contact Diane Major at
615-444-1890 ext. 3

*Meal Catered By
Chester Jordan's Catering*



*April 4, 2017
6:00 PM
Wilson County Expo Center*

2017 Inductees



Dr. Sam McFarland



Hale Moss



David M. Tomlinson



A.C. Wharton

NEW INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBER



The Wilson County Commission appointed Dr. Shanna Jackson of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee to the Wilson County Industrial Development Board on Monday night at the

March meeting. Dr. Jackson currently serves as the Associate Vice President of the new Williamson Campus for Columbia State Community College. Prior to this role, Jackson served as the Dean of Extended Services for the college; providing leadership for the extended campuses and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Jackson also has academic responsibility for the Commercial Entertainment, Film Crew Technology and Hospitality Management pro-

grams.

Jackson has over 20 years of higher education experience including leadership positions with Volunteer State Community College and South College. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and a MBA from Florida A&M University. She received her Ed.D in 2007 from Tennessee State University.

Dr. Jackson is a former member of the Mount Juliet Planning Commission. She is a graduate of

Leadership Wilson and is an active member of many organizations throughout the community. She currently serves on the boards of Williamson Inc., TMA, Leadership Franklin and Mercy Community Healthcare.

Dr. Jackson has been a resident of Mount Juliet since 2000. Her husband, Ron Jackson, is a graduate of Mount Juliet High School. Dr. Jackson and her husband are the proud parents of two children, Cara and Ryan.

CONGRATULATIONS



Wilson County School District was recently ranked 2nd in the nation for Digital Technology.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

Ride the Music City Star A Toast to Tennessee Wine Festival



**Wilson County Expo Center
12 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

All net proceeds benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital

to wine festival:

Riverfront	12:00 p.m.
Donelson	12:11 p.m.
Hermitage	12:24 p.m.
Mt. Juliet	12:33 p.m.
Martha	12:43 p.m.
Lebanon	1:00 p.m.



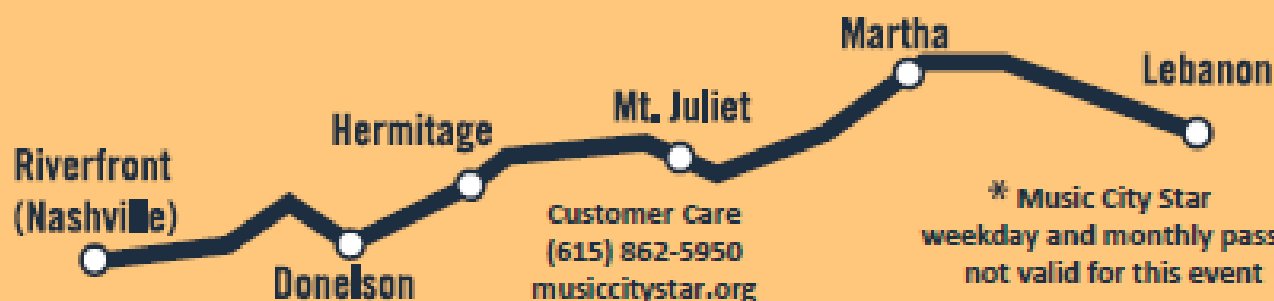
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from wine festival:

Lebanon	5:30 p.m.
Martha	5:51 p.m.
Mt. Juliet	6:00 p.m.
Hermitage	6:10 p.m.
Donelson	6:20 p.m.
Riverfront	6:30 p.m.

get your tickets at

TicketsNashville.com



**Wilson
County
GOVERNMENT**

MT. JULIET
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MUSIC CITY STAR

Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee New Board Members



On March 9, 2017 Mayor Hutto attended a meeting held by the Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee. The Transit Alliance educates communities in

Middle Tennessee to build support for funding regional transit in Tennessee. The board provides leadership and regional insight to the



Transit Alliance so that they may better represent the transit needs in our area. Mayor Hutto was recently selected to be a board member. He along

with 15 other leaders representing 10 different counties will work together to improve transit throughout Middle Tennessee.



PEDAL FOR PAWS

SAVE THE DATE

April 15, 2017

Gallatin Civic Center in Gallatin, TN

[Facebook.com/PedalforPawsTN](https://www.facebook.com/PedalforPawsTN)

Register at [ACTIVE.com](https://www.active.com)

Stay Connected

Stay Connected with Mayor Hutto and the Wilson County Mayor's Office! Follow Mayor Hutto on Twitter and Facebook. Also be sure to check out our website for information on all county offices.



Wilson County
www.wilsoncountyttn.gov



100K Tree Giveaway

Here in Wilson County, we are still swooning over the large turnout we had for the 100K Tree Giveaway hosted by the Wilson County Stormwater Department. The annual event, held on February 25th, was so successful that there were over 3400 trees given away to Wilson County residents, ab-

solutely free. Wilson County Stormwater set up at the Wilson County Expo Center at 7:00 AM and handed out trees until noon. There were 4 workers on site and not a minute of downtime as citizens flocked to receive their trees. The most popular tree of the day was Pine followed closely by

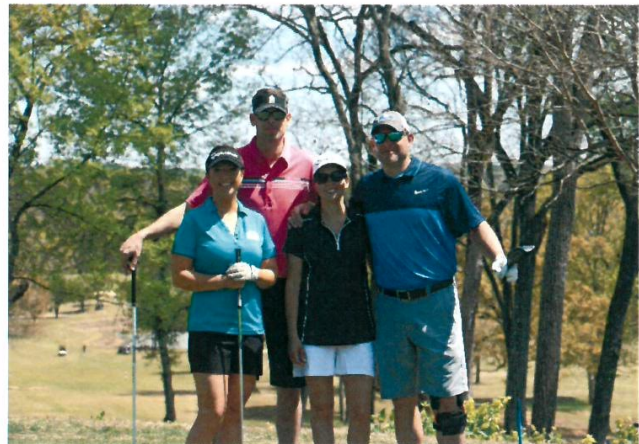
the new American Plums, offered for the first time this year. Lisa Baldwin, Administrative Assistant in the Stormwater Department, had the following to say regarding the tree giveaway: "We were so pleased to be a part of this massive event! The quality of the water in Wilson County is our main con-

cern. Trees being natural filters of water are a tremendous help to this system. With as much growth as we are having in Wilson County, planting trees is quite an asset to the cause." Next year, Wilson County Stormwater plans to increase the number of trees given away to 4000.



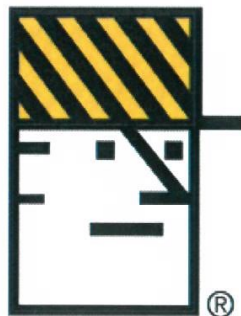


The course is ours for the entire day, help us fill it up, sign up for an 8am or 1pm shot gun start, or both for special rate. We will have prizes on 9 out of 18 holes, and always, lots of fun, food, and surprises on the course.



Hosted by Mayor Hutto, joined by retired NFL players, Ice Girls, Branch & Dean, and many other surprise guests. Your registration includes lunch for a.m. golfers and dinner for p.m. golfers, we ask that all join us for the after party if able.

Please follow us on Facebook for updated details.



Thank you to our Tournament Sponsor, Mr. Jim Mitchell of Mitchell Mr. Transmission



TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

April 22, 2017 • Windtree Golf Course
Shotgun Start 8am or 1pm please let
us know when registering

GOLF TEAM REGISTRATION FEES: All checks payable to Cure For Our Friends

\$500 Team Registration

\$125 Individual Registration

NAME _____ E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

NAME _____ E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

NAME _____ E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

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Mail to: Vera Smith, P.O. Box 1385, Mt. Juliet, TN 37121 or phone 615-330-2850

Or Email to cfofvera@gmail.com or go to cureforourfriends.org

You can also contact Al Hentsch at 615-969-1103 or Michelle Butler at 615-926-8000.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

\$3,000 Platinum Sponsor

- Your Logo on all Cart Signs
- Your Logo on Rules & Score Sheets
- One Four Person Team in the Event
- Banner on Club House

\$2,000 Gold Sponsor - Hospitality

- Hole Sponsor Sign on #10
- Banner on Club House
- One Four Person Team in Event

\$1,000 Silver Sponsor - Range Sponsor

- Banner on Club House
- Two Paid Playing Spots in the Event
- Signage on Range

\$1,000 Putting Contest Sponsor

- Banner on Club House
- Two Paid Playing Spots in the Event
- Signage on Putting Green

\$125 Hole Sponsorship

Hole Sponsor Sign on Designated Hole

Cure For Our Friends is a 501 c (3) Non-profit Organization a receipt for your donation will be provided.

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Library Roast of Mike Jennings

Mayor Mike Jennings of Watertown was the center of attention at the Library Roast on Tuesday, March 28th. In an effort to raise funds for the Wilson County library system, friends and family of Mr. Jennings gathered around to make jokes and poke fun. There was a large turnout and everyone enjoyed the evening. Mayor Hutto, longtime friend of Mayor Jennings even took the stage during the roast.



Upcoming Fiddlers Grove Events For April

April 1.....Opening Day for Fiddlers Grove

April 4.....Ribbon Cutting Fiddlers Grove

April 21-23.....Country Living Fair

April 29.....Spring Garden Festival

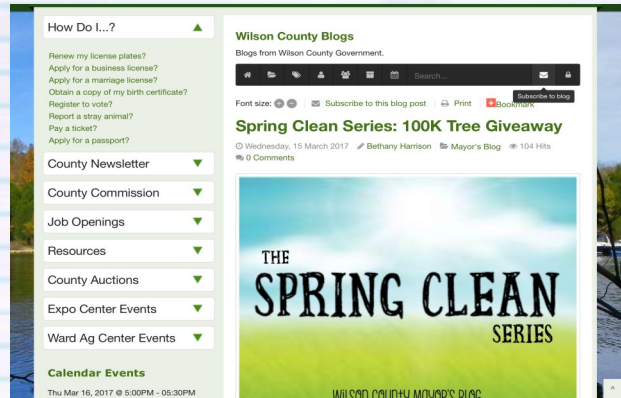
LOVE THE NEWSLETTER? FOLLOW THE BLOG!

It's easy, free and you will get automatic post notifications in your inbox. No spam, just stories about all of the wonderful things happening in Wilson County! To subscribe, check out the pictures below:

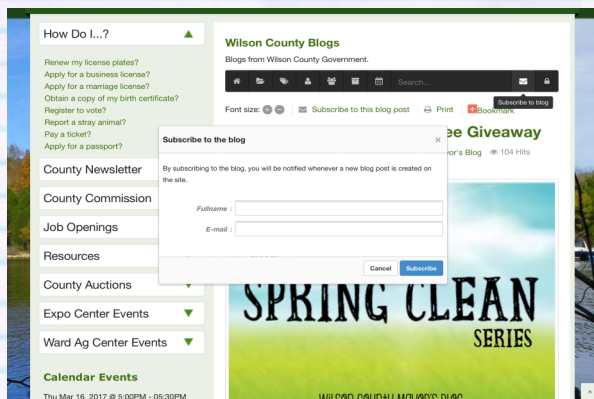
STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



Step 1: Go to www.wilsoncountyttn.gov. Hover your mouse over the "County Mayor" tab. You will see the pictured drop down menu. Click on "Mayor's Latest Blog".

Step 2: You will see Mayor Hutto's latest post. Click the envelope in the upper right-hand corner of the black bar.

Step 3: Enter your information and click submit. You're all set!

SPRING CLEAN UP



April 3-April 13, 2017

City of Lebanon Public Works 2017 Spring Curbside Clean Up

THE INTENT OF THIS SERVICE IS FOR RESIDENTS TO DISCARD UNWANTED ITEMS AT THE RESIDENCE.

- All small or loose items in trash bags and separate the following: Wood, Metal, Other

- Refrigerator/Freezer: door and compressor must be

removed

- Volume: should not exceed a load of a standard pick up truck

KEY ITEMS

- Vacant lots & empty houses will not be picked up

- Construction & Commercial waste will not be picked up

- Items brought from other addresses will not be picked up

- Tires & Hazardous Waste including chemicals, paint & wet batteries will not be picked up

- Mattresses, box springs, carpet & carpet padding will not be picked up

- One medium size bag of clothing will be accepted

Week 1 items should be placed out by 6am April 3.

Week 2 items should be placed out by 6am April 10.

City of Lebanon

Residents Spring Clean Up

CITY OF LEBANON STREET DEPARTMENT

Call with questions

615.444.0825 ext5103 between 7:30a-4p



NCAC Hires New Director

Wilson County has the third lowest unemployment rate in the State of Tennessee. To ensure that unemployment rates remain low, Wilson County works closely with organizations such as the Nashville Career

Advancement Center and the American Job Center of Tennessee to assist citizens in finding and maintaining careers. The NCAC recently hired a new Executive Director. Mr. Combs assumed the role of Executive Director of the Nashville Career Advancement Center

(NCAC) on January 9, 2017. Prior to joining the Nashville Career Advancement Center, Mr. Combs oversaw the operations of the public workforce system's career centers in New York City as the Director of Operations for the NYC Department of Small Business Services' Workforce Development Division. In this role, Mr. Combs was responsible for over \$15

million in workforce development contracts that were intended to connect over 10,000 jobseekers to permanent employment as well as 2,000 jobseekers to occupational training. In addition to over-



seeing the operations of the career centers, Mr. Combs was the head workforce policy writer and agency lead for implementing the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Mr. Combs began his career in workforce development overseeing military employment initiatives including nationally recognized programs for homeless

veterans. Preceding his career in workforce development, Mr. Combs was a corporate litigator receiving his Juris Doctorate from Fordham University and a Bachelors of Sciences from the Uni-

versity of Maryland, College Park.

Mr. Combs took over the role of Executive Director of the NCAC upon the resignation of Mr. Paul Haynes. The NCAC provides Wilson County residents with a variety of services such as networking opportunities, talent development and career development in addition to job fairs and other employment

services. Mr. Roger Farley recently met with Mayor Hutto to introduce Mr. Combs. Mr. Farley represents Wilson County on the Middle Tennessee Workforce Development Board; a board administered by the NCAC.

Mr. Farley also serves on the Executive Board and serves on the full board as the 2nd Vice Chairman. He had the following to say about Mr. Combs stepping into the role of Executive Director of the organization: "I was part of the search committee that selected Mr. Combs. He is highly qualified in both education and experience to assume this role." Wilson County

Mayor Randall Hutto is confident in Mr. Combs as well as Wilson County's relationship with the NCAC stating: "Mr. Combs brings a wealth of experience to this position. I look forward to working with him as well as the NCAC to ensure that all Wilson County residents have access to workforce opportunities."

Wilson Books From Birth

Wilson
Books From Birth



IMAGINATION DINNER

LOCATION OF IMAGINATION DINNER

THE WILSON COUNTY EXPOSITION CENTER
945 East Baddour Parkway Lebanon, Tennessee

**LIVE & SILENT
AUCTIONS**

**DOOR
PRIZES**

DATE AND TIME OF DINNER

Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

COST: A table of 8 cost \$250.00 (table sponsor)

This is a fun evening for all --

Don't miss the event and help support Wilson Books from Birth!

Contact Wilson Books from Birth at 615-444-5586 to sponsor a table.

The dinner follows a "Wacky Waiter" format.

By sponsoring a table, you can select a person to be your waiter for the evening.

The Imagination Dinner benefits Wilson Books from Birth, a division of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Wilson County. This pre-K literacy service mails one age appropriate book each month to every child in Wilson County from birth to age five at no cost to the family.

*Wilson Books from Birth is a program under the tax-exempt entity Wilson County Business and Education Coalition, Inc.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

Ride the Music City Star

ST. JUDE *Rock'n'Roll* **NASHVILLE** **MARATHON**

All net proceeds
benefit St. Jude
Children's Hospital



to marathon:

Lebanon	5:00 a.m.
Martha	5:15 a.m.
Mt. Juliet	5:25 a.m.
Hermitage	5:35 a.m.
Donelson	5:50 a.m.
Riverfront	6:00 a.m.

TICKETS
\$12
ROUND-TRIP*

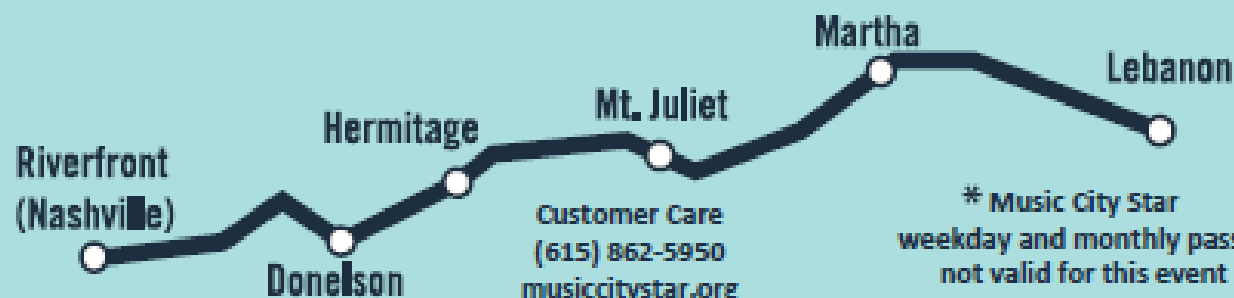
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get your tickets at:

TicketsNashville.com



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HEALTHIER TENNESSEE

Recently Wilson County was designated as one of nine "Healthier Tennessee Communities" by Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam and Governor's Foundation for Health and

Wellness CEO Richard Johnson. The Healthier Tennessee Communities initiative takes a local approach to improving Tennesseans' health. To be designated, the communi-

ties established wellness councils and developed sustainable community-wide events and activities that support physical activity, healthy eating and tobacco abstinence.

Then they tracked and measured outputs and accomplishments of the programs. What an honor for Wilson County!



Southside Elementary Wee Read



A very special thanks to Ms. Sandy Nixon for inviting Mayor Hutto to read at the "Wee Read" night at Southside Elementary!



4-H Dessert Auction

Thursday April 13, 2017
James E. Ward Ag Center
East-West Building

6:00 p.m.



*Wilson County fce and the Wilson County 4-H program are partnering to provide 4-H members a chance to go to camp! Desserts will be provided by some of the best cooks in Wilson County, fce members. The desserts will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. **All proceeds will be used toward scholarships for 4-Her's that have a desire to go to 4-H camp, but cannot afford to or need some assistance.** This event is April 13th.... just in time to buy home-made desserts for Easter dinner. So, please come out and show your support for Wilson County 4-H... **DONATIONS WELCOME!***

sshrum2@utk.edu

615-444-9584 or 615-444-6193

